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30 MAR 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

**SUBJECT : Federal Employees Health
Benefits Act of 1959**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for action. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph (4).

2. The Civil Service Commission plans to issue descriptive literature to all employees of government listing the approved organizations and health plans so that the employees will be aware of all plans and programs being offered. In addition, descriptive posters will be issued for this same purpose.

3. Ordinarily GEHA, as the employee organization for this Agency, would be so listed and widely advertised to all government employees. Such advertising can create considerable interest in the Agency plan and serves to advertise the fact that anyone connected with GEHA is a CIA employee. Both Mr. [] and myself have talked to Commission Officials concerning this matter and they are fully aware of our problem and are favorable to our desire not to be listed and advertised in this manner. They felt, however, that a letter from the Agency to Mr. Roger Jones would be appropriate to insure the elimination of any reference to GEHA or CIA.

4. There is attached a proposed letter to Mr. Roger Jones of the Commission and it is recommended that this letter be signed.

SIGNED

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Deputy Director of Security

Attachment:

Proposed letter to Mr. Roger Jones

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SUBJECT: Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959

CONCURRENCE:

/s/ Gordon M. Stewart

Director of Personnel

The recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved.

4 APR 1960

Date

Signed

L. R. WHITE

Deputy Director (Support)

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Honorable Roger W. Jones
Chairman, Civil Service Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

In reference to the Civil Service Commission program implementing the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959, it is understood that the Commission plans to issue certain informational material to all employees of Government. It has been further indicated that the Commission, on approximately 1 May 1960, plans to circulate lists of all approved health benefits plans and organizations and issue posters for the information of all employees of Government. These issuances would normally include a listing of the Central Intelligence Agency and its insurance organization, the Government Employees Health Association.

It is requested that no reference be made to the Government Employees Health Association and the Central Intelligence Agency in the descriptive material to be issued by the Commission. Although the connection between the Association and the Agency is known, it is our general practice to avoid all unnecessary publicity about the administrative arrangements we make for personnel. It is felt that this request in no way qualifies the opportunity of other employees of Government to make an informed choice of available plans, since the GEHA plans are available only to employees of this Agency. This Agency, in accordance with arrangements made with Commission officials, will make available to its employees all appropriate information on the Commission plans and the GEHA plans.

Sincerely,

L. K. White
Deputy Director
(Support)

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